

Whereas, as President he set his sights on a program to prepare the state's teachers, from Pre-K to college levels, to teach science, technology, engineering and mathematics by establishing The Millard Oakley STEM Center and providing it a state-of-the-art home in the new 26,000-square-foot Ray Morris Hall in 2010,

Whereas, he recognized the need for a nursing school in rural Tennessee and garnered support from the state legislature, U.S. Congress and private and corporate donors to fund the construction of a multi-million dollar Nursing and Health Services Building,

Whereas, he kept his promise as President to upgrade facilities to increase recruitment and retention and oversaw the construction and completion of two residence halls—New Hall South and New Hall North,

Whereas, under his guidance TTU established Learning Villages, which aim to bring students and faculty together around a common interest and bridge the gap between the living and learning segments of campus and to encourage college completion,

Whereas, the University's endowment has doubled during Bell's presidency to nearly \$60 million,

Whereas, under his leadership in a difficult economic environment, TTU has remained affordable. Students graduate with the lightest debt load in the region, according to U.S. News & World Report, and sixty percent of 2010 TTU graduates left school debt free,

Whereas, the Tennessee Board of Regents grants President Emeritus status to Dr. Robert R. Bell for his continued support of the system, now, therefore, be it

Resolved That the Tennessee Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Robert R. Bell for his outstanding contributions and leadership to the system and wishes him the very best in his retirement.●

REMEMBERING GOVERNOR NORBERT TIEMANN

● Mr. JOHANNES. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant and true leader in Nebraska politics, Gov. Norbert Tiemann, whose recent death saddened all who knew him. Gov. Norbert Tiemann, or "Nobby," as he was affectionately known, served as Governor of Nebraska from 1967 to 1971. It is a privilege to take this opportunity to remember the life of Governor Tiemann and his many contributions to our State and Nation.

Prior to being elected Governor, Tiemann served three terms as mayor of Wausa in northeast Nebraska. He would later serve as Federal Highway Administrator for the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Nixon and Ford administrations. Ever service-oriented, Tiemann's public service extended well beyond elected office. He bravely fought in World War II and was later stationed in Korea.

Tiemann had an incredible passion for governing and played an active role in the lawmaking process. His leadership as Governor left a lasting impact on our great State. Scholars consider him to be among the most influential Nebraska Governors for transforming the governorship in our State from its traditional caretaker role to one that led public policy discussions.

As we look back on Tiemann's legacy, we will remember a dedicated public servant who cared deeply about Ne-

braska. I could not be more grateful for his lifetime of service and, on behalf of all Nebraskans, offer my sincerest condolences to his family.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:16 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 404. An act to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

S. 684. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah.

S. 997. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 2:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2578. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2938. An act to prohibit certain gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona.

At 4:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 3187. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs and medical devices, to establish user-fee programs for generic drugs and biosimilars, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2578. An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act related to a segment of

the Lower Merced River in California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2938. An act to prohibit certain gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 20, 2012, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 404. An act to modify a land grant patent issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

S. 684. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah.

S. 997. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6565. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, account 2182010, during fiscal year 2008 and was assigned Army case number 10-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-6566. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Swap Data Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements: Pre-Enactment and Transition Swaps" (RIN3038-AD48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6567. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Core Principles and Other Requirements for Designated Contract Markets" (RIN3038-AD09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 19, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6568. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition of Tents and Other Temporary Structures" ((RIN0750-AH73) (DFARS Case 2012-D015)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6569. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Australia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6570. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled